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SUBJECT: BLUMENTHAL VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. USIS INFORMATION OFFICER PETER ANTICO ASSIGNED TO ASSIST PRESS SPOKESMAN JOE LAITIN IN ROME. ANTICO'S OFFICE TELEPHONE IS 4674 EXT. 426; HOME PHONE 3287452.

2. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES IN VISIT SCENARIO INCLUDE: AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT 1705, OCTOBER 30; PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI, OUTSIDE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PALAZZO CHIGI) AT 1235, OCTOBER 31; AND AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT 0820, NOVEMBER 1. IN ADDITION, JOURNALISTS ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY (SILK, TABER, THOMAS AND GOODMAN) CAN, IF THEY WISH, FOLLOW THE 45-MINUTE ITALIAN TELEVISION (RAI) INTERVIEW, IN RAI STUDIOS, BEGINNING AT 1845, OCTOBER 30 (ITALIAN PORTIONS OF INTERVIEW COULD BE HEARD THROUGH AN EARPIECE CARRYING THE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION). MUST KNOW IN ADVANCE IF ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS WISH TO ATTEND RAI INTERVIEW.

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3. AT RAI INTERVIEW, SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH THREE JOURNALISTS:

(1) PROGRAM MODERATOR WILL BE ARRIGO LEVI, EDITOR OF TURIN'S LA STAMP A,

SECOND MOST WIDELY READ ITALIAN NEWSPAPER OWNED BY AGNELLI FAMILY. LEVI IS SUPPORTER ITALIAN QUOTE LAY UNQUOTE PARTIES, PARTICULARLY MODERATE REPUBLICAN PARTY. HE IS FORMER TOP RAI

CORRESPONDENT WHO CONTRIBUTES REGULAR POLITICAL COLUMN TO
NEWSWEEK'S INTERNATIONAL EDITION. (2) ROMANO BRODI IS CHIEF
ECONOMIC WRITER FOR CORRIERE DELLA SERA, NEWSPAPER WHICH ENJOYS
HIGHEST CIRCULATION IN ITALY. BRODI IS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC
TO GOVERNING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. TEACHES ECONOMICS AT
NORTHERN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO. (3) EUGENIO SCALFARI IS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ROME DAILY LA REPUBBLICA. LA REPUBBLICA RE-
PRESENTS VIEWS OF NON-COMMUNIST LEFT. SCALFARI IS FORMER
SOCIALIST DEPUTY (PSI) WHO, PRIOR TO TAKING OVER LA REPUBBLICA,
WAS LEADING ECONOMIC COMMENTATOR FOR MAIN ITALIAN WEEKLIES.
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